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Eisenhower Wins Small Landslide

WEST HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, Saturday. — While an unofficial Republican local primary here last night produced a landslide for General Eisenhower, his supporters staged a giant rally in New York's Madison Square Garden, in the first political mass meeting of the campaign.

In the primary, which was described as "the first real showing" of the nation's preference, a total of 4,462 votes was cast, of which General Eisenhower received 3,109, his main opponent Senator Taft 1,183, Mr. Stassen 76, General MacArthur 39, Mr. Earl Warren 36 and the remaining 20 votes were scattered amongst a few other contestants.

The vote was taken at the end of a week's campaign in this predominantly Republican town, only registered Republicans being permitted to vote. Connecticut still uses the party convention rather than the primary system and, because of this, the vote was considered unofficial. The Chairman of the Republican organization in the town, Mr. Percival Lucas, said, however, that the result would "strongly influence" delegates in the selection of those who would represent the party at its national convention.

In New York, some 16,000 people attended the "Eisenhower for President" rally, with stage, screen and television stars taking part. Previously a number of Texans and the Governor of California, who whooped their way through New York, waving their ten-gallon hats and yelling "we like Ike."

Mr. Arik Peitay has been appointed Director of the Press Information Office of the Government Information Services.

Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Agriculture and Development, will broadcast at 7 o'clock this evening on problems of agricultural production.

Dr. Isidor Wissotsky of Bezez Avner delivered a speech at "Cultural Development in Argentina and Uruguay" at 8:15 this evening at Terra Sancta College in Jerusalem. The public is invited.

Service for Late King in J'lem

An official memorial service will be held for the late King George VI at 10 o'clock this morning in St. Andrew's Church in Jerusalem, the British Consulate announced yesterday.

The Legation and the British Community in Israel have scheduled two memorial services after the King's burial, one in St. John's Church in Haifa on Friday and one in St. Peter's in Jaffa the following Sunday.

Mr. Israel Shabot, of Tel Aviv called at the British Legation on Thursday to sign the Book and to express his condolences. The Book at the Legation is open for signatures until after the late King's funeral.

At the Consulate General in Mafsa, Government officials, members of the Municipal Council, and the British Legation staff have paid their respects.

The Book, which was opened on Thursday, can be signed by Haifa residents during the Consulate's hours.

Mr. Zalman Sharot and Mr. S. Eisenberg, Acting Chairman and Secretary-General of the Jewish Agency, respectively, visited the British Consulate yesterday and signed the Book.

Janover Memorial

A memorial service for Mr. Joseph Janover, South African Zionist and member of the Jewish National Fund's Board of Directors, was held in Tel Aviv on Thursday, on the occasion of the 30th day after his death.

Present at the service were members of the Executive and guests from South Africa. Dr. A. Granott, chairman of the Board, eulogized the deceased.

U.S. Technical Aid Wanted for Israel

NEW YORK Saturday (INA). — A recommendation that the American Technion Society immediately increase its aid to Israel's fledgling industry by channeling more technological aid to Israel was made recently to a conference of the society by Mr. James Silberman, of the Bureau of Labour Statistics, who advises the U.S. Government on its Point Four programme of aid to Israel.

It was announced at the meeting that 344 U.S. technical experts had volunteered technical assistance to Israel in the past year.

ORPHANAGE WILL NOT BE REOPENED

AN IMA report from Dusseldorf that the Lutheran World Federation was making contact with Israel regarding the resumption of the activities of the German "Syrian Orphanage" in Jerusalem was denied recently by Dr. H. Kadmon, Administrator General of Enemy Property. The report had quoted an official spokesman of the Federation.

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AMERICAN FILM SHOWS

on Monday, February 11,
at 7 and 8.30 p.m.
(two shows)
at the
Education Centre Hall,
6 Rehov Reines, Tel Aviv.

Programme:
1. American Boys' Israel's
Philharmonic Orchestra
2. Grandma Moses
3. Tennessee Holiday

Members and sympathizers
are invited

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THE BIALIK LODGE PARTY

The First Bialik Lodge meeting of the year will again take place this year in all rooms of the Shalom Hotel, Haifa, on

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

This time the party will be organized on a modest, self-willed, simple programme. Pastries are provided by the Festival Committee. Tickets will be sold, but proceeds from them are available to the Festival Committee. Tel Aviv, Tel Aviv, and four members of the Legion.

No proceeds for social purposes, mainly in aid of culture.

Austerity Faces Argentinians

Buenos Aires, Saturday (Reuters). — President Peron warned Argentinians yesterday that they would have to eat less and work harder.

He was addressing the annual conference of provincial governors. His wife, Eva, was present. As a symbol of future austerity, the President cancelled the traditional Governors' Lunch.

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce has earlier this month requested hotels and restaurants not to serve meat one day a week.

The President appealed for public economies. Many civil servants would become redundant, he said.

Parsons Decree

On Thursday, the President had signed a decree pardoning 20 Socialist Party members who were either completing various terms of imprisonment or awaiting trial on various charges.

The decree fulfilled a pledge given by the President to Senator Enrique Dickman, 78-year old grandfather of Argentine socialism, and President Peron on February 1.

The Socialists later expelled Senator Dickman from their Executive Committee on the ground that his links with the party were obtainable on his own initiative and constituted a breach of party discipline.

LENS FOR THE U.N. SECRETARY. Mr. Trygve Lie took a three-cornered hat to Paris that he thought the fear of war is less now than before the General Assembly session, and much less than a year ago. (Reuters, UP)

GOVT. APPROVE MERGER OF ELECTRIC COMPANIES

U.S. Said To Have More Than 1,000 Atom Bombs

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuters). — A U.S. atomic scientist estimated yesterday that the U.S. had over 1,000 atomic bombs of the type used on Nagasaki in 1945. This compared with the best Washington estimates of fewer than 100 such bombs held by Russia.

Dr. Ralph Lapp, a nuclear physicist, who has been working in atomic research for 10 years was expressing "personal opinions" only in an article in Colliers Magazine.

He said that recently developed "little" atom bombs might weigh only a ton compared with the five tons of "city busting" kind.

Dr. Lapp, who is 34, said there seemed to be little question that the U.S. maintained numerical superiority over Russia.

POST Reporter

The Israel and British Governments have approved the forthcoming merger of the Jerusalem Electric and Public Service Corporation with the Palestine Electric Corporation, it is learned in Jerusalem.

Negotiations on the final agreement have reached the "last stage" and are now being conducted in London between Board members of both companies. Agreement is expected to be reached in a week to 10 days.

As soon as the agreement is made, each JEPSC shareholder will be asked to vote on it. It is expected that the stockholders will be offered shares in the P.E.C. in return for their securities in the Jerusalem company.

Sneff Defines

Mr. M. Sneff, in "Al Hamishmar," daily newspaper, gave the internal situation in the Western bloc. He sternly warns some of his comrades who have been guilty of carelessness and negligence in Western Europe should not be regarded as the Western counterpart of Titoist deviationism, since this is not the case.

Mr. Asaf, continues, that the admission of Egypt and the Arab countries to SACME would strengthen the Arab states and consequently weaken Israel. This argument, however, does not stand up to a factual analysis.

If this were so, why should all national circles in these countries oppose SACME? Certainly not because they oppose becoming stronger and weakening Israel. The real reason is that while becoming stronger or their freedom of action would be restricted, Egypt, for example, would no longer be able to invade "Palestine." Mr. Asaf concludes that it is mistaken to assume that joining SACME would be tantamount to appeasement and of harm to Israel.

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Today's POST BAG

THE WEATHER

	A	B	C	D
Mr. Cohen	99	04	07	18
Nathanael	65	13	16	18
Tel Aviv Port	70	13	17	18
Lydda Airport	62	09	15	18
Haifa	45	04	10	18
Bethlehem	45	04	10	18

Forecast: Partly cloudy, becoming cloudy in afternoon with possibility of light rain, especially in north. Fresh South-westerly wind.

* * * Humidity at 3 p.m. B.M. Minimum temp. G. Maxim. yesterday. D.J. Maxim. temp. expected today.

For the sake of clarity the name of the local weather station is omitted. Local stations give the latest information free of charge by the Sabena offices which has also donated £1,000 for the same cause.

The new road linking Tel Aviv and Lod Airport, by-passing the Hativat Quarter, which has been under construction for the last few weeks, was opened by Labor Minister Golda Meir and Mayor Rokach on Thursday.

A mutual labor agreement was signed by representatives of the Israel Press and Israel Journalists' Association and the Israel Publishers' Association on Friday. The agreement, which is retroactive to December 1, 1951, defines the state of local journalists, their grading, pay and seniority allowances.

Mr. Moti Shapira, 28, a Haifa Post worker, was seriously injured on Friday when he fell into the hold of the a. M. M. S. Said. He is in Rothschild Hospital where his condition has improved.

The headmaster of a school at 12 Rehov Hayyim in Tel Aviv was attacked and beaten up by a gang of youths. The boys, who were arrested later, claimed they had called at the school to "settle an account" with the headmaster who threatened them. A relative of one of them then executive fire and had expelled a friend of the second for bad conduct.

Boy Killed

Yaakov Kalati, 6, was killed on Friday morning in the Bohemian quarter of Jerusalem when a stone falling from a collapsing wall hit him on the head. (Itim).

Emergency Regulation In High Court

The Emergency Regulation issued by the Prime Minister in December 1951, validating anew all Orders which were issued without being gazetted, was again the centre of argumentation in the High Court on Friday.

The attorney for the villagers of Sha'ab, who ask to be returned to their homes, argued that if the Prime Minister had the power at all to issue such an Emergency Regulation, it was not retrospective. The un gazetted Order of the Galilee Military Governor of April 1951 which declared Sha'ab to be a closed zone, was, therefore, invalid and not affected by the Prime Minister's regulation.

The High Court has now held that Orders of this type may be issued only by the Law and Administration Ordinance. The Prime Minister, under the powers given him by the same Ordinance, subsequently issued the Emergency Regulation that goes aside the Court decision and which is now being contested.

The State Attorney argued that since the law limits the Emergency Regulation only with regard to the future—for three months—the Regulation could make retrospective provisions.

Arrested for Murder
REHOVOT, Saturday.—Avraham Chotnik, 20, of Ashdod, was arrested near Yad Mordechai yesterday in connection with the murder last week of Eliahu Simantov, a watchman, near Ashdod. Chotnik had been on guard with Simantov on the night of the alleged murder, but disappeared afterwards. He had been sought by police since then.

Simantov reportedly had IL 200 on him the night he went on guard duty. It is thought that he may have been killed for the money.

WAR CRIMES CHARGES DROPPED
TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM).—Charges against Yitzhak Shapira-Koten, 48, of Ashdod, of handing Jews over to the Nazis and causing bodily injury to inmates of the New-York ghetto, where he served as vice-chairman of the "Judenrat" during the war, were dropped yesterday when Magistrate R. Waldmann ruled that there was no case.

Personal Notice

We announce with deep sorrow the untimely death of our beloved husband, father and brother

Fritz Raphael Aronstein

at the age of 52.

The Beloved Family

Kiryat Shalom, Bet Yisrael, Tel Aviv
Jerusalem, Tivon, London.

Davis Calls For Mid-East Unity

Mrs. Joseph Gives 'Scrip'
TEL AVIV, Saturday.—The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Monroe B. Davis, yesterday called upon the people of the Middle East to subordinate their differences and to cooperate in a plan for regional defence. "We are well aware of the serious character of the problems of the Middle East," the Ambassador said at the weekly luncheon of the Commercial and Industrial Club.

"But," he added, "the common danger from totalitarian aggression is of so much greater consequence than the causes of regional dissension, that we hope the peoples of this region will realize there is much to be gained by constructive cooperation, and everything to be lost by failure to cooperate and share the responsibilities of common defence in time."

Mr. Davis in this way voiced concern over the fact that such issues as the Anglo-Egyptian dispute, the Iran situation and the Israel-Arab conflict, the Suez Canal and oil disputes were absorbing attention to the exclusion of the problem of regional security which he held should transcend everything else.

Freedom and Justice

The Ambassador said that the meeting he had called yesterday to receive pressmen up to next June was part of the effort to ensure security and peace based on freedom and justice. "Economic development is the cornerstone of any programme to protect the free world from destruction by the twin weapons of political war and economic subversion, which have been utilized so effectively in the past year."

Mr. Davis strongly rejected the suggestion that economic aid must be given to the U.S. to improve the domestic affairs of the recipient nations.

"The governments concerned must be asked to take care of their projects," he said. The responsibility of a recipient country extends also to the actual use made by it of the funds at their disposal.

The Ambassador said that the effectiveness of such funds in the solution of its economic problems.

Five tons of assorted goods which were being offered for sale in the Carmel Market at black market prices were requisitioned by inspectors in a sudden raid on the market on Friday. The goods were then sold under the inspectors' supervision at the official prices. Hundreds of housewives stood patiently in queues for hours, waiting their turn to purchase the items.

The Army will also place trees throughout the country tomorrow.

G.H.Q. Proposes Military Training in Schools

Two alternative proposals for introducing military education into the secondary schools have been presented by General Headquarters to the Minister of Education and Culture, Rav Aloof Yaakov, Chief of Staff, told a meeting of alumni of the Rehavia Secondary School in Jerusalem last night.

The first proposal, it is understood, calls for some form of military training while the alternative would be introduction of military content into the existing framework of subjects. Either proposal, if approved by the Ministry, would be implemented at the start of the next school year.

Negotiations are already under way with one secondary school whereby the school would, at its own expense, implement one of the Army's proposals should the Ministry's approval not be forthcoming. The Chief of Staff said.

Immigrant Training Urged by Veterans

HADERA, Saturday.—A call to speed the integration of new immigrants by social, cultural and military education was one of the resolutions adopted by the national conference of representatives of the association of ex-Haganah members here today.

Other resolutions called for the establishment of museums in Tel Aviv and Bet Guvrin for the preservation of Haganah records and momentos, the rebuilding of the building in Bet Guvrin where many Haganah members received their initial training, and the laying out of rifle ranges in various settlements.

The conference also resolved to submit the necessary bills to the Knesset to pass a law which would permit the Government to issue "Haganah" to all members of the Association. It was also decided that former Haganah members should volunteer for civil defence organizations and should conduct cultural activities among members of the Israel Defense Forces.

The conference, which represented 30,000 members of the Association, chose Executive Council of 27 members.

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Tu B'Shvat Tomorrow

Japan Soon to Have 'Army' of 300,000

Educational institutions will be closed tomorrow as the country celebrates Tu B'Shvat—the traditional "New Year of the Trees." Almond blossoms, which have appeared in Jerusalem and the Esplanade will add a breath of Spring to the tree-planting ceremonies in most settlements and parks. Orthodox and General Trend schools and institutions will not plant trees in view of Biblical proscription of Sabbath Year planting.

While sanctioning sowing this year because of the pressing food needs during the year, the value of \$11,000 and several hundred dollars in cash were confiscated by border police, in conjunction with customs officials, when found in the possession of an American tourist who reportedly had said he had nothing to declare here yesterday.

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13,000 Metres Of Poplin Seized

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM).—Ministry of Commerce inspectors requisitioned 13,000 metres of poplin from a clothing factory here on Friday. The factory owner allegedly had sold at black market prices goods made from the poplin, which had been allocated to him for export purposes. Investigations are continuing.

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13 Seamen of S.S. Tel Aviv Acquitted

HAIFA, Saturday.—Thirteen of the 30 seamen of the a.s. Tel Aviv on trial in the District Court for resisting orders aboard their ship on December 14 were acquitted yesterday. The District Attorney asked for the acquittal of seven men, whose names were not mentioned in the testimony. The Judge also accepted the defence counsel argument that there was insufficient evidence against six others.

Captain Ido Aharonovit, Master of the a.s. Tel Aviv, testified yesterday that the ship had been barricaded because the crew feared volunteers would be sent aboard.

Nobody expected the police to intervene. The captain denied that a police officer had addressed him from the Port fire boat, or over a loud speaker before the clash. It would have been impossible for him to make himself understood, Aharonovit said. The trial will continue on Monday.

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Released on Bail

Mr. Amnon Malchi, head of the Stores Department of the Jerusalem Municipality's Education Department, was released on IL 1,000 bail on Friday by Jerusalem Magistrate Avraham Eden.

Mr. Malchi was detained on January 25 for 15 days on suspicion of having misappropriated building materials from the Municipality. (Itim)

CALLING RELATIVES OF MISSING PERSONS

The relatives of the under-mentioned missing persons are requested to contact the Military Memorial Department, Ministry of Defence, House No. 18, Rehov "Bet", 2nd floor, Haikya on Sunday and Monday, February 10 and 11, 1952, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

1. Abavsky, Miriam
2. Cohen, Naim
3. Merling, Shlomo
4. Michael, Yosef
5. Cohen, Aharon
6. Helman, David
7. Garton, Nathan
8. Gamliel, Eliezer
9. Lichtenstein, David
10. Barstiel, Danya
11. Tamir, Yehuda
12. Roth, Baruch
13. Barak, Moshe
14. Aviv, Menachem
15. Reutner, Yehuda
16. Kadish, Israel
17. Shulman, David
18. Ben-Zvi, Gad
19. Gluzman, Haim
20. Vichovsky, Nahum

Strange Disease Jews Not Employed For Base Building Follows Fire

TOKYO, Saturday (Reuter).—Japan will have at least 300,000 men under arms by the end of the next year, sources close to the Government said here today.

But most of this army will be in the national police reserve — to avoid amendment of the post-war constitution limiting Japanese forces.

The present strength of the Maritime Safety Board—about 16,000 men—is due to be reinforced by some 5,000 to man about 80 small armed vessels which Japan will probably seize from the U.S. the sources said. The Board and the police reserve would offer scope for Japanese naval experts and former officers of the Imperial Army.

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MR. Mordechai Oren, a prominent member of Mapam, and an Israeli citizen, has not been seen since he visited the Israeli Legation in Prague at the end of December. It appears that there is now reason to believe that he has been arrested in Czechoslovakia. No information has been received from the Czech authorities concerning his whereabouts, nor any reason given for his detention. It is unfortunately not uncommon for people to disappear in Iron Curtain countries; it is not a common occurrence for an Israeli to disappear and for so little apparent interest to be shown in his fate as Mapam appears to have done in this case. Up to ten days ago, when Mr. Oren's wife insisted on enquiries being started, his Party on whose behalf he had gone abroad, declared that there was no mystery whatever about his failure to return, though in fact a frantic search was in progress.

As to point a parallel, Mr. Neary, the former Czechoslovak Consul General in Jerusalem, admits that he has declined to return home on his recall, and "disappears" in Jerusalem; and two Czech clerks at the Embassy in London make their escape from the Czech foreign service by climbing down a drain-pipe. Between the two wars, when Czechoslovakia was painstakingly building its state after centuries of foreign rule, there were few statesmen with a more genuine or friendly interest in Zionist affairs than Masaryk and later Benes, just as there were few countries more genuinely interested in rooting out anti-semitism and giving its Jewish citizens not only equal rights but status as Czechoslovak citizens of Jewish — as opposed to Czech or Slovak — race. That day is past. Rudolf Slansky, a Jew and former Secretary of the Czech Communist Party suddenly dismissed some months ago, is awaiting his trial for treason, together with other formerly prominent Czech Jews. It is not unlikely that one of the charges against him may be "Zionism" and it will probably help him little that during the War of Liberation Czechoslovakia made it an official policy to assist Israel. Probably the most plausible of the many theories concerning Mr. Oren's disappearance is one which links his arrest with the forthcoming Slansky trial, whether in the character of a forced witness or any other capacity.

No stand has been taken by the Mapam on Oren's disappearance in what should be a friendly country, nor can they well afford to take any such stand until they have an indication of the official Eastern line in this matter. It is not easy for them to accept the fact that the Eastern bloc has jettisoned Israel, or to admit in retrospect that the brief honeymoon of Communist support for the establishment of Israel sprang from no more than the desire to see Britain ousted from the Middle East. In France, Communist is entitled to claim that the East is hostile, not to his country or nation, but only to its government; the Israeli, whatever party he be, songs to know that it is the existence of his state and nation that the Eastern bloc now objects. It is a situation as tragic and grotesque as was that of the "Deutsche Staatsburger Juedischen Glau- bens" who tried to convince the Nazis that they were as good Germans as any and were willing to set every fault in themselves in order to be able to rationalize their German hatred. It is not a dignified position, and not one that should be attractive to Israel youth.

**Curfew Follows Riots
In Kashmir Town**

NEW DELHI, Saturday (AP) — The Kashmir Government today imposed a 72-hour curfew in the winter capital of Jammu, following riots late on Friday in which 12 persons were injured.

State troops were called out to quell a demonstration by 2,000 students and others who approached the gates of the Government Socialist demanding the lifting of penalties and fines imposed on a group which took part in a protest strike, press reports said.

By GERDA LUFT

THE Prime Minister this week took the floor in the Knesset to intervene in a discussion of newspaper supply, to make a statement on an entirely different subject, and he left the House with the impression that he supported the attack on the judges made the week before by the Minister of Justice. We noted last week that Dr. Joseph's remarks had met with no opposition from the Government bench at the time. One hesitates to conclude, nevertheless, that Mr. Ben Gurion really meant to take up the attack begun by Dr. Joseph and carry it even further. One wonders whether the judges are, in fact, an enemy.

Mr. Ben Gurion's remark that there is now reason to believe that he has been arrested in Czechoslovakia. No information has been received from the Czech authorities concerning his whereabouts, nor any reason given for his detention. It is unfortunately not uncommon for people to disappear in Iron Curtain countries; it is not a common occurrence for an Israeli to disappear and for so little apparent interest to be shown in his fate as Mapam appears to have done in this case. Up to ten days ago, when Mr. Oren's wife insisted on enquiries being started, his Party on whose behalf he had gone abroad, declared that there was no mystery whatever about his failure to return, though in fact a frantic search was in progress.

It is much worse if the Prime Minister follows up the accusation by Dr. Joseph with a lecture to the judges that they should not indulge in politics. It is difficult to see how a statement in the House that the meeting out of justice by the Bench was "an insult to the law" could be ignored by the judges. It is difficult to see, too, how a meeting of judges and Supreme Court justices which decided that the President of the Supreme Court would write to the Speaker as a reaction to this statement can be defined as "indulging in politics." It was this statement, too, to keep in step with public

by Dr. Joseph, which Dr. Foa had referred to in criticizing the Minister's talk for "sharpening public relations." Neither is this his party (as its leader, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, so coolly explained in reply to Mr. Ben Gurion), were in opposition to the proposed legislation providing minimum sentences, which had given rise to the whole discussion. All the more the appearance of a "first night," with high Government officials in attendance, the gallery and the press-room crowded, and an atmosphere of general expectancy in the air. This time the report of the Foreign Minister on the work of the Israeli delegation to the United Nations evoked no such response. Attendance especially during the debate was poor, and speeches followed the well-known pattern of general expectancy of the various parties. The only exception was Mr. Lischitz, of Mapam, who adopted a more conciliatory tone towards Government policy than is usual among his party colleagues.

Adequate Coverage
It should be noted, too, that it was not one of the known hotspots of the House who voiced the suspicion that Dr. Joseph was not particularly interested in the supply of newsprint; but it was Dr. Faerder, of the Progressives, who is known for thinking twice before uttering opinions. Dr. Joseph hotly denied the accusation, but the fact that it was voiced indicated the effect on public opinion of the frequent unbridled Government attacks on the press. Not only the public, but the Knesset, should realize the danger of cutting the press down to mere news-sheets. What will happen to Parliamentary debates if they can no longer be adequately covered?

The Knesset is more, and should remain more, than a legislature. It is the meeting place where the Government can feel the pulse of the country. It has been felt for a long time that Government circles — ministers as well as high officials — accept Parliament and its echo in the press not as a help to their work and a vital instrument to keep in step with public

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MUSICAL DIARY

At the fifth subscription concert of the I.P.O. at the Ohel Shem on Tuesday we made the acquaintance of the Italian conductor, Sr. Alceo Galliera, who conducted an inspiring programme of German and Italian works. It was again of special interest to note the alert sensibility and devotion with which Italian conductors approach German music.

On this occasion it was Brahms' Second Symphony which Galliera conducted with emotion although at times without sufficient delicacy and with such compact exaggerations that the last allegro, for instance, was changed into some sort of Verdi climax. Nevertheless, the performance breathed vitality.

The two items in the first part of the programme, however, represented the more pleasant side of the evening — the Third Suite from "Antiche Danze ed Arii" by Respighi, and Haydn's Symphony Concertante for violin, cello, oboe and bassoon in B flat major. It was a pleasure to hear once again a work of the Italian composer who was so much devoted to melody and to colourful instrumentation (rather the same way as his teacher, Rimsky-Korsakoff). Yet what we heard was not one of his popular pieces of descriptive music, but a rather heavily instrumented collection of medieval items originally written for the lute. But although this new and compact version for strings seemed to me disportioned in respect of the tender naivete of its original melodic elements, the suite nevertheless represented an animating introduction. Moreover, it got an excellent instrumental reading.

No less interesting was the performance of the Haydn work, a not very deep-rooted, but gracefully and glitteringly composed concerto, with the conversations of the solo instruments as the highlight of the whole work. Messrs. Hafetz, Hofmekler, Rechman and Thorner were the soloists, while Sr. Galliera had the whole piece well in hand.

Larry Adler Back
The mouth-organ phenomenon, Larry Adler, is now playing a partially new programme during his second visit to Israel. That he is an outstanding musician — and not only a masterful technician on his instrument — became evident in the Cimarosa concerto originally written for

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While the Minister of Labour introduced his far-reaching legislation for national insurance, which would form the legal basis for part of the welfare state attention in the fobblies concentrated on the pressing problems of the economic crisis. While the market place was full of quotations on the dollar, the Knesset was full of rumours on the Government's new economic policy. There was, indeed, an uncanny gulf between the important plans for national insurance — the safeguarding of the aged, of orphans and of mothers against want — and the consciousness of shortages and bottlenecks which are the salient features of today's economic scene.

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